

## **Joseph Samuel Broadbent**

### **1850-1950 Lehi Centennial Biography**

Joseph Samuel Broadbent, the eldest child of Joseph Broadbent and Sarah Dixon was born in Lehi, November 3, 1863. He was baptized May 8, 1872, by William Ball. He helped on the family farm and later learned the trade of fixing watches. In 1882, he went into the mercantile business with his father, forming the firm of Broadbent & Son. As a hobby, he started raising flowers and later this grew into a thriving floral business.

He was a valiant worker in the church, participating in church choirs and choruses. He was Sunday School assistant in 1894, filled a two-year mission to Great Britain 1896-1898. He served as Superintendent of the Lehi Sunday School for four years, being released May 31, 1903

He was made a member of the Old Folks Committee in 1898, and on June 7, 1914, was selected general chairman of the Lehi Old Folks Committee. For eleven years, he was the love of all the committee members, being released February 22, 1925.

He was a member of the city council for fourteen years and Mayor for six consecutive years 1922-28. During his administration as Mayor, the Memorial Building and Library were finished, many thousands of dollars of debts were paid off, and after a bitter struggle he was successful in having the City Municipal Power Plant build and the White Way installed on Main and State streets.

On January 16, 1889, he married Amanda Hermandine Tweede. She died April 25, 1905. On January 10, 1906 he married Annie Shaw. He has thirteen children and thirty-six grandchildren.

He died February 4, 1937